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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.
5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.
6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.
7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.
9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.
10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.
12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.
13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

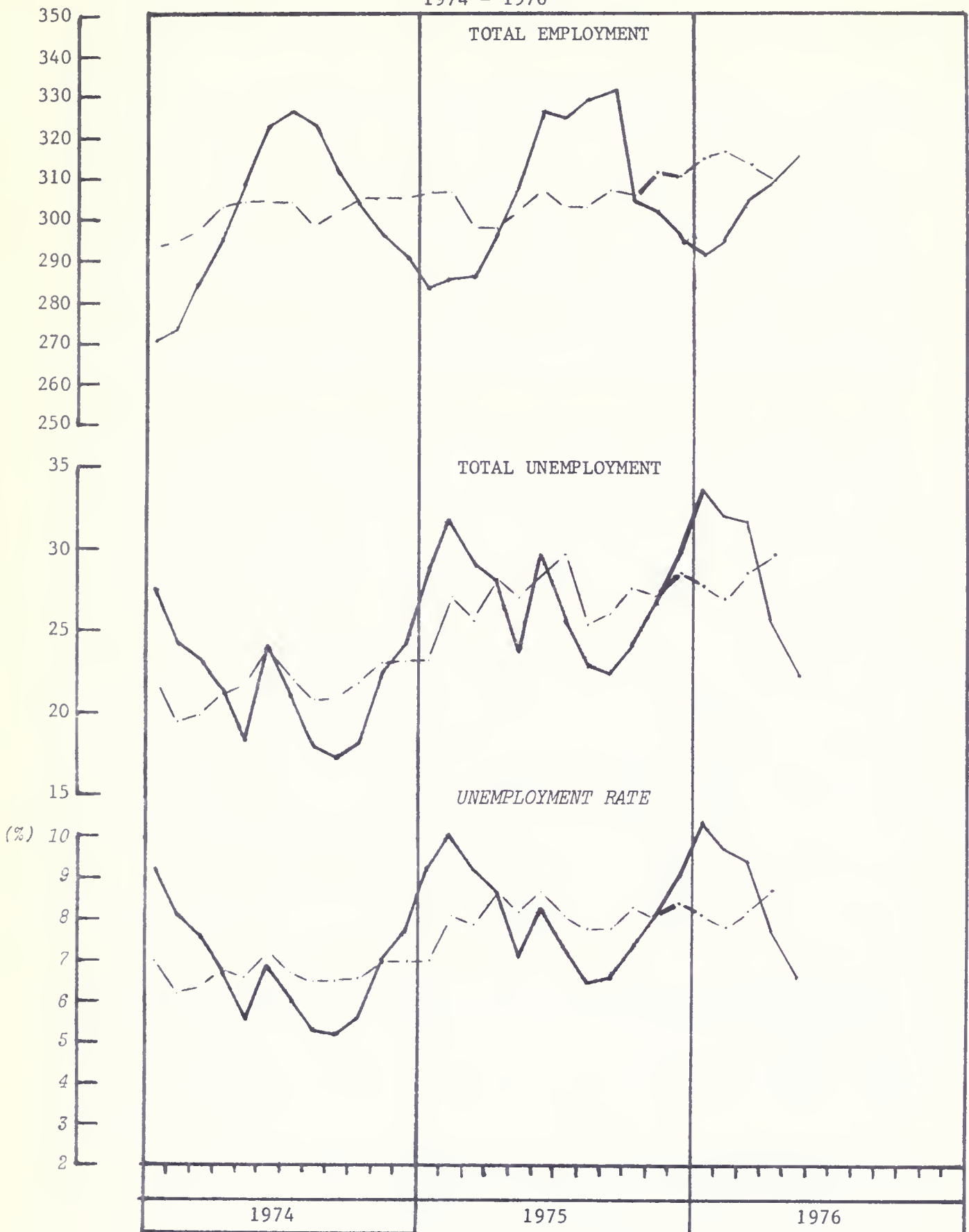
MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: —)

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1974 - 1976

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BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS
ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

MAY 1976



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

Montana's report on Labor Turnover Rates showed the manufacturing accession rate for March at 1.5% and its separation rate at 1.0%. The primary metals industry had the highest accession rate of the manufacturing industries, at 3.6% which was largely attributed to the upswing of activity at the smelter in Anaconda. The mining industry recorded a 2.0% accession rate which is running slightly behind the industry's separation rate of 2.2%.

There were 3,080 new passenger cars registered in Montana in April bringing the year-to-date total to 9,056 and a 19.3% increase from one year ago for the same period. During the first four months of 1976 there were 796 new business telephone installations in the state compared with 371 in 1975 and 721 in 1974. Also, through April there were 787 new business firms recorded in the state, a decrease of 7.4% from the previous year.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

APRIL 1976

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	291	101	2,100
CETA-CEP	86	67	251
CETA-INST.	74	32	277
CETA-OJT	48	31	123
JOB CORPS	36	23	281
PSE	173	90	1,333

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.^{1/} (1967 = 100)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Apr. 1976</u>	<u>Percent Change From: Mar. 1976</u>	<u>Apr. 1975</u>
All Items	168.2	0.4%	6.1%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{2/}

APRIL 1976

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	3.3%
Female	30.2%
Youth	9.5%
Over 45	25.5%

^{1/} The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

^{2/} Based on 10% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

RESIDENCE DATA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						Montana	U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	9.2	5.6	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	8.1	5.7	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	7.6	5.3	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	6.8	4.8	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	5.6	4.6	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	6.9	5.8	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	6.0	5.6	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	5.3	5.3	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	5.2	5.7	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	5.6	5.5	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	7.0	6.2	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	7.7	6.7	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	9.4	9.0	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	10.2	9.1	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	9.2	9.1	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	8.7	8.6	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	7.2	8.3	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	8.4	9.1	.1
July	346.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	7.4	8.7	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	6.6	8.2	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	6.6	8.1	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	7.3	7.8	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	8.0	7.8	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	9.1	7.8	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	10.3	8.8	*
February	326.0	294.2	262.8	31.4	31.8	9.7	8.7	*
March	332.5	301.1	265.7	35.4	31.4	9.4	8.1	*
April	331.5	305.5	267.7	37.8	26.0	7.8	7.4	*
May	337.9	315.7	275.9	39.8	22.2	6.6		*
June								
July								
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Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Series began January 1970.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

* Under 50.

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Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	9.3	9.2	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	7.6	8.1	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	7.2	7.6	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	6.2	6.8	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	6.2	5.6	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	7.3	6.9	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	6.4	6.0	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	5.8	5.3	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	5.6	5.2	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	5.5	5.6	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	6.3	7.0	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	8.3	9.4	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	9.7	10.2	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	8.7	9.2	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.3	8.7	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	7.3	7.2	*
June	33.7	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.8	8.4	8.4	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.1	7.4	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	7.4	6.6	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	7.3	6.6	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	8.1	7.3	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	7.9	8.0	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	8.5	9.1	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	9.8	10.3	*
February	32.4	29.4	28.2	1.2	3.0	9.1	9.7	*
March	33.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	3.1	9.2	9.4	*
April	33.4	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.6	7.6	7.8	*
May	33.5	31.0	29.4	1.6	2.5	7.4	6.6	*
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Table III
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

RESIDENCE DATA

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	7.8	9.2	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	5.9	8.1	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	5.4	7.6	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	4.9	6.8	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	4.4	5.6	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	6.3	6.9	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	5.3	6.0	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	4.4	5.3	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	4.4	5.2	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	4.2	5.6	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	5.4	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	7.6	9.4	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	8.0	10.2	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	7.9	9.2	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	7.3	8.7	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	5.6	7.2	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	7.0	8.4	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	6.5	7.4	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	6.2	6.6	*
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MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

APRIL 1976
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	331.5	332.5	320.3	-1.0	11.2
2. Unemployment	26.0	31.4	28.0	-5.4	- 2.0
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	7.8	9.4	8.7	-1.6	- .9
3. Employment, Total	305.5	301.1	292.3	4.4	13.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	238.1	236.1	229.9	2.0	8.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data) ..	240.5	238.3	235.1	2.2	5.4
MANUFACTURING	21.6	21.5	22.2	.1	-.6
Durable Goods	13.9	13.8	14.4	.1	-.5
24 Lumber and Wood Products	8.2	8.2	7.9	0	.3
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	-.3
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	3.2	.1	-.5
Nondurable Goods	7.7	7.7	7.8	0	-.1
20 Food and Kindred Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	-.1
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	-.1
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	218.9	216.8	212.9	2.1	6.0
Mining	5.8	5.8	7.2	0	- 1.4
10 Metal Mining	2.3	2.3	3.5	0	- 1.2
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ...	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	-.2
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0

Contract Construction	10.9	10.3	9.7	.6	1.2 ¹
15 General Building Contractors	4.0	3.8	4.5	.2	.5
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.7	2.3	1.5	.4	1.2 ¹
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.2	4.2	3.7	0	.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	19.0	18.4	.1	.7
40 Railroad Transportation	6.0	5.9	6.0	.1	0
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.8	5.8	5.1	0	.7
48 & 49 Comm., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services ..	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	59.2	58.3	60.0	.9	.8
Wholesale Trade	12.0	11.9	12.5	.1	.5
Retail Trade	47.2	46.4	47.5	.8	.3
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories ...	8.1	7.9	8.0	.2	.1
54 Food Stores	6.4	6.3	6.4	.1	0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.8	7.8	8.1	0	.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.2	14.7	15.0	.5	.2
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc. .	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
Services	45.3	45.4	44.3	-.1	1.0
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.1	5.1	5.8	0	.7
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.5	2.8	-.1	.4
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.6	14.5	13.6	.1	1.0
Other Services	23.2	23.3	22.1	-.1	1.1
Government	68.1	67.5	62.8	.6	5.3
91 Federal Government	13.3	13.2	12.2	.1	1.1
92 State Government	19.8	19.7	17.8	.1	2.0
State Education	9.7	9.6	-	.1	-
Other State Government	10.1	10.1	-	0	-
93 Local Government	35.0	34.6	32.8	.4	2.2
Local Education	22.3	22.3	-	0	-
Other Local Government	12.7	12.3	-	.4	-
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	29.6	29.6	29.5	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	37.8	35.4	32.9	2.4	4.9
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/}	*	*	.2	-	-

4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes^{3/} * * .2 -

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.

Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

Table V
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Employment by Industry

APRIL 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	33.4	33.1	32.5	.3	.9
2. Unemployment	2.6	3.1	2.7	-.5	-.1
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	7.6	9.2	8.3	-1.6	-.7
3. Employment, Total	30.8	30.0	29.8	.8	1.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	27.0	26.3	26.2	.7	.8
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	27.8	27.4	27.9	0.4	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
NONMANUFACTURING	26.1	25.7	26.0	0.4	0.1
Contract Construction	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	1.9	1.8	2.6	0.1	-0.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	8.5	8.3	8.2	0.2	0.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Services and Mining	6.3	6.3	5.8	0.0	0.5
Government	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	0.0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.5	1.4	1.3	.1	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/}	*	*	.1	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Current month preliminary.

^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

^{3/} Non-additive, included in Line (a).

* Under 50.

Establishment Series began January 1958.

Residence Series began January 1970.

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Table VI
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

APRIL 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	48.1	47.7	46.8	.4	1.3
2. Unemployment	2.9	3.4	3.4	-.5	-.5
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	5.9	7.2	7.3	-1.3	-1.4
3. Employment, Total	45.2	44.3	43.4	.9	1.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	39.3	38.5	37.7	.8	1.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	39.1	38.8	37.4	0.3	1.7
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	3.2	3.1	2.8	0.1	0.4
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	35.9	35.7	34.9	0.2	1.0
Contract Construction	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	3.2	3.2	3.5	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	12.8	12.8	12.0	0.0	0.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
Services and Mining	8.2	8.2	8.3	0.0	-0.1
Government	7.6	7.5	7.1	0.1	0.5
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.7	1.6	1.5	.1	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/} *	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary.
^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
 and domestic workers in private households. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
^{3/} Non-additive, included in Line (a). * Under 50.
 Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1970.
 Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				EMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976		Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976		Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976		Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	
STATEWIDE	326.0	332.5	331.5		294.2	301.1	305.5		31.8	31.4	26.0		9.7	9.4	7.8	
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.4	33.1	33.4		29.4	30.0	30.8		3.0	3.1	2.6		9.1	9.2	7.6	
BILLINGS SMSA	47.2	47.7	48.1		43.9	44.3	45.2		3.3	3.4	2.9		7.0	7.2	5.9	
BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	246.4	251.7	250.0		220.9	226.8	229.5		25.5	24.9	20.5		10.3	9.9	8.2	
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.7	36.1	35.8		31.6	32.3	32.6		4.1	3.8	3.2		11.6	10.6	9.0	
BOZEMAN	23.9	24.4	24.4		21.6	22.2	22.5		2.3	2.2	1.8		9.4	8.8	7.4	
GLASGOW	15.9	16.3	16.1		14.6	15.1	15.3		1.3	1.3	.8		8.4	7.8	5.2	
GLENDIVE	13.3	13.7	13.5		12.3	12.6	12.8		1.0	1.1	.7		7.8	7.8	5.3	
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.9	11.2	11.1		9.9	10.1	10.3		1.0	1.0	.8		9.2	9.3	7.0	
HAVRE	11.8	12.0	12.0		10.8	11.2	11.3		1.0	.9	.7		8.2	7.7	6.0	
HELENA	21.6	22.0	21.7		19.7	20.1	20.3		1.9	1.8	1.4		8.6	8.3	6.5	
KALISPELL	32.7	33.6	33.4		27.7	28.5	28.8		5.0	5.1	4.6		15.1	15.2	13.8	
LEWISTOWN	10.7	11.0	10.9		9.9	10.2	10.3		.8	.8	.6		8.1	7.5	5.3	
MILES CITY	13.4	13.6	13.4		12.2	12.5	12.7		1.2	1.1	.8		8.6	7.9	5.6	
MISSOULA	39.7	40.5	40.5		35.1	35.9	36.3		4.6	4.6	4.2		11.7	11.3	10.5	
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.8	17.3	17.2		15.5	16.1	16.3		1.3	1.2	.9		8.0	7.0	5.2	

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

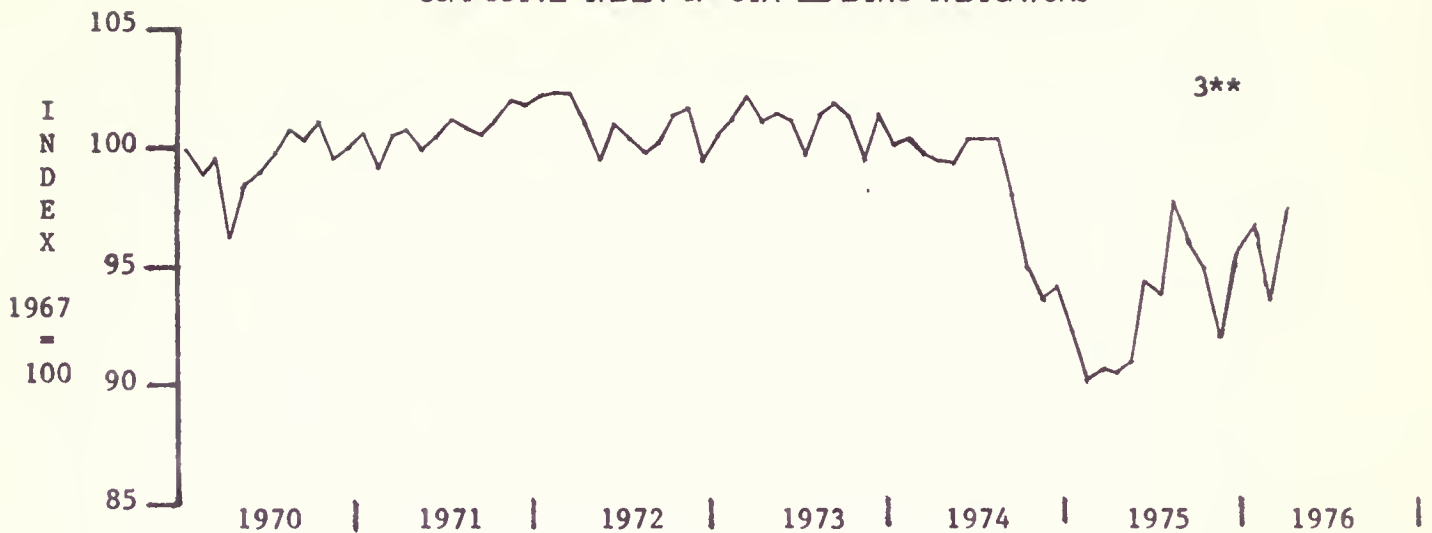
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	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Percent Change 1975- 1976	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Percent Change 1975- 1976	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Net Change 1975- 1976	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Net Change 1975- 1976
STATEWIDE	331.5	324.0	2.3	305.5	296.0	3.2	26.0	28.0	-2.0	7.8	8.7	-.9
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.4	33.3	.3	30.8	30.6	.7	2.6	2.7	-.1	7.6	8.2	-.6
BILLINGS SMSA	48.1	46.3	3.9	45.2	42.9	5.4	2.9	3.4	-.5	5.9	7.4	-1.5
BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	250.0	244.4	2.3	229.5	222.5	3.1	20.5	21.9	-1.4	8.2	9.0	-.8
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.8	34.3	4.4	32.6	31.2	4.5	3.2	3.1	.1	9.0	8.9	.1
BOZEMAN	24.4	23.9	2.1	22.5	21.8	3.2	1.8	2.1	-.3	7.4	8.7	-1.3
GLASGOW	16.1	15.5	3.9	15.3	14.7	4.1	.8	.8	.0	5.2	5.3	-.1
GLENDIVE	13.5	12.9	4.7	12.8	12.2	4.9	.7	.7	.0	5.3	5.5	-.2
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.1	9.9	12.1	10.3	9.1	13.2	.8	.8	.0	7.0	7.8	-.8
HAVRE	12.0	12.1	-.8	11.3	11.4	-.9	.7	.7	.0	6.0	6.1	-.1
HELENA	21.7	21.5	.9	20.3	19.9	2.0	1.4	1.6	-.2	6.5	7.2	-.7
KALISPELL	33.4	33.4	.0	28.8	28.3	1.8	4.6	5.1	-.5	13.8	15.2	-1.4
LEWISTOWN	10.9	10.8	.9	10.3	10.1	2.0	.6	.7	-.1	5.3	6.4	-1.1
MILES CITY	13.4	12.9	3.9	12.7	12.2	4.1	.8	.7	.1	5.6	5.6	.0
MISSOULA	40.5	40.2	.7	36.3	35.5	2.3	4.2	4.7	-.5	10.5	11.8	-1.3
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.2	17.0	1.2	16.3	16.1	1.2	.9	.9	.0	5.2	5.5	-.3

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975

January	92.1
February	90.0
March	90.5
April	90.4
May	90.8
June	94.2
July	93.7
August	97.6
September	95.7
October	94.7
November	91.8
December	95.2

1976

January	96.6
February	93.5
March	97.4
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

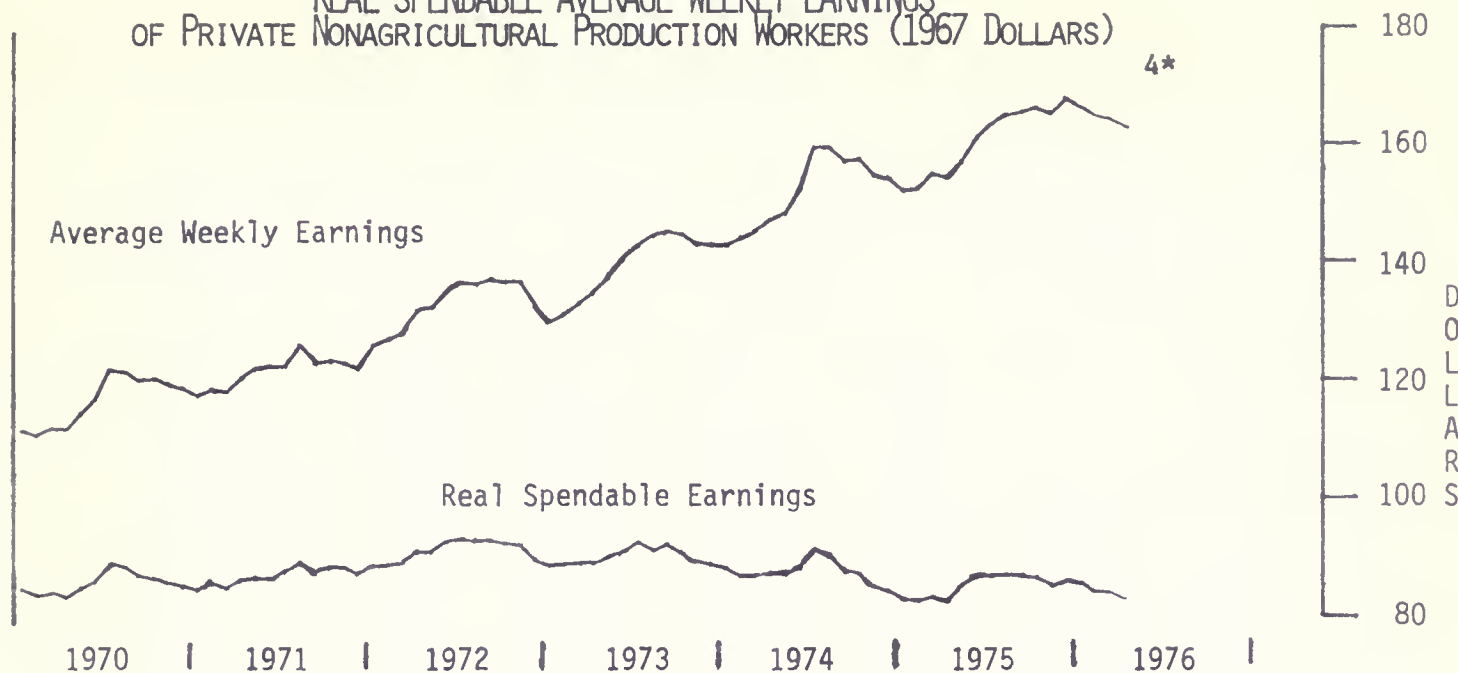
MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

The composite index rose to 97.4 in March from 93.5 in February. This was the highest monthly increase since August 1975. Only accessions and initial claims showed negative trends from February levels, while four of the six leading indicators showed positive trends. Although one month's data do not form an economic trend, preliminary indications do show a possible turnaround in the direction of Montana's economy. This correlates with Montana's usual lag behind the Nation in an economic upturn after a recession.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 163.61	\$ 163.70	\$ 154.22
Taxes Withheld	22.96	22.96	22.94
Spendable Earnings	140.65	140.73	131.27
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	57.03	56.71	48.50
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	83.62	84.02	82.77

1975	Average Weekly Earnings ^{1/}	Real Spendable Earnings ^{2/}
Jan.	\$152.28	\$83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	165.53	86.81
Oct.	165.98	86.48
Nov.	165.34	85.67
Dec.	167.81	86.36
1976		
Jan.	165.89	85.35
Feb.	164.98	84.77
Mar.	163.70	84.02
Apr.	163.61 ^p	83.62 ^p
May		
June		

Gross average weekly earnings declined slightly in April to \$163.61 from \$163.70 in March. This was attributed to a decline in average weekly hours. On the positive side the Consumer Price Index continues its slower growth rate.

The index went up only .4% from March and 6.1% from April a year ago. Also, the average wage earner's real spendable earnings in April were up from April 1975.

* Indicate last month of plotted data.

p: Preliminary

^{1/} Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.

^{2/} Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						Montana	U. S.	
<u>1974</u>								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
<u>1975</u>								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	7.0	8.2	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	8.1	8.2	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	8.0	8.7	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	8.5	8.9	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	8.2	9.2	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	8.4	8.6	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	8.0	8.4	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	8.1	8.3	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	8.3	8.6	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	8.2	8.3	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	8.6	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
<u>1976</u>								
January	342.7	315.0	274.6	40.4	27.7	8.1	7.8	*
February	343.0	316.7	275.2	41.5	26.3	7.7	7.6	*
March	342.0	313.8	273.9	39.9	28.2	8.2	7.5	*
April	339.4	309.9	272.1	37.8	29.5	8.7	7.5	*
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.8	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
February	33.8	31.2	29.5	1.7	2.6	7.8	7.7	*
March	33.8	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.9	8.6	8.2	*
April	33.4	30.7	29.0	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.7	*
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

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Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary.

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BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

RESIDENCE DATA

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
<u>1974</u>								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
<u>1975</u>								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.3	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
<u>1976</u>								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	*
February	48.7	45.7	43.8	1.9	3.0	6.0	7.7	*
March	48.9	45.8	43.9	1.8	3.1	6.4	8.2	*
April	48.5	45.5	43.8	1.7	3.0	6.2	8.7	*
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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For Private Nonagricultural Industries

APRIL 1976

	<u>Average Weekly Earnings</u>			<u>Average Weekly Hours</u>			<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>		
	<u>Apr. 1976</u>	<u>Mar. 1976</u>	<u>Apr. 1975</u>	<u>Apr. 1976</u>	<u>Mar. 1976</u>	<u>Apr. 1975</u>	<u>Apr. 1976</u>	<u>Mar. 1976</u>	<u>Apr. 1975</u>
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$163.61	163.70	155.01	35.8	35.9	35.8	\$4.57	\$4.56	\$4.33
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods	223.68	219.82	184.97	38.9	38.7	34.9	5.75	5.68	5.30
Primary Metal Industries	215.05	213.17	179.39	39.1	38.9	34.3	5.50	5.48	5.23
Nondurable Goods	267.73	268.26	231.45	40.2	40.4	39.7	6.66	6.64	5.83
Food and Kindred Products	258.61	249.28	199.66	38.2	38.0	36.5	6.77	6.56	5.47
	221.55	219.40	201.49	38.8	38.9	38.6	5.71	5.64	5.22
MINING									
Metal Mining	289.38	289.40	258.88	42.0	41.7	42.3	6.89	6.94	6.12
	280.30	280.30	256.40	40.8	40.8	40.0	6.87	6.87	6.41
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	288.41	291.47	258.04	37.7	38.1	35.3	7.65	7.65	7.31
TRANSPORTATION AND									
PUBLIC UTILITIES	251.25	253.53	252.87	40.2	40.5	43.3	6.25	6.26	5.84
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	217.74	216.60	203.70	38.2	38.0	39.4	5.70	5.70	5.17
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	137.45	137.80	121.45	35.7	35.7	35.1	3.85	3.86	3.46
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	120.41	119.60	117.39	36.6	36.8	36.8	3.29	3.25	3.19
SERVICES	106.10	106.55	103.68	31.7	31.9	32.5	3.35	3.34	3.19

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue). Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

March 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975
MANUFACTURING	1.5	1.5	2.6	0.9	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.9	3.4	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.9	1.8
Durable Goods	1.7	1.5	2.3	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.7	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.9
Primary Metal Industries	3.6	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.8	2.3	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.5	3.2	1.0	1.4	2.6	0.9	3.2	4.7	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.3	2.2	3.4
MINING	2.0	2.1	2.9	1.4	0.9	1.1	2.2	3.8	4.7	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	2.5	2.2
Metal Mining	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.6	3.0	7.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.3	4.4

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1975</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
			<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	28	21	88	106
MINING	12	9	27	27
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34	35	112	102
MANUFACTURING	5	9	28	29
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	5	8	20	23
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	45	54	145	184
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	12	26	83	89
SERVICES	69	71	284	290
GOVERNMENT	0		0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0		0	0
STATE TOTAL	210	233	787	850

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS					NEW BUSINESS FIRMS				
Areas	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Year to Date		Areas	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Year to Date	
			1976	1975				1976	1975
STATE OF MONTANA	210	233	787	850	HAVRE LMA	4	6	28	35
					Blaine	0	2	3	8
					Hill	4	4	21	23
GREAT FALLS SMSA	20	21	81	78	Liberty	0	0	4	4
					HELENA LMA	22	9	56	46
BILLINGS SMSA	32	35	111	126	Broadwater	1	0	1	2
					Jefferson	3	2	6	4
					Lewis and Clark	18	7	49	40
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	22	22	72	75	KALISPELL LMA	20	24	86	86
Beaverhead	8	3	17	15	Flathead	17	17	63	56
Deer Lodge	1	4	7	9	Lake	3	5	20	19
Granite	0	0	0	1	Lincoln	0	2	3	11
Madison	3	1	4	8	LEWISTOWN LMA	3	2	14	11
Powell	2	3	7	8	Fergus	3	1	10	6
Silver Bow	8	11	37	34	Golden Valley	0	0	1	0
BOZEMAN LMA	19	24	60	77	Judith Basin	0	0	0	0
Gallatin	14	20	48	64	Musselshell	0	1	2	3
Meagher	0	0	2	2	Petroleum	0	0	1	0
Park	5	4	10	11	Wheatland	0	0	0	2
GLASGOW LMA	10	11	47	40	MILES CITY LMA	7	8	35	45
Daniels	1	4	12	9	Carter	0	0	1	3
Phillips	1	1	1	5	Custer	2	5	13	20
Roosevelt	7	0	12	12	Fallon	1	1	4	4
Sheridan	1	4	11	5	Powder River	0	0	3	2
Valley	0	2	11	9	Rosebud	2	2	12	15
GLENDIVE LMA	9	14	30	38	Treasure	2	0	2	1
Dawson	4	7	13	15	MISSOULA LMA	20	40	104	125
Garfield	1	2	2	5	Mineral	0	2	1	8
McCone	1	1	6	5	Missoula	16	27	79	87
Prairie	0	0	2	1	Ravalli	4	7	14	15
Richland	3	4	7	11	Sanders	0	4	10	15
Wibaux	0	0	0	1	SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	10	8	38	40
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	12	9	25	28	Chouteau	2	0	7	4
Big Horn	1	7	7	16	Glacier	2	2	10	12
Carbon	6	1	11	7	Pondera	2	4	4	11
Stillwater	2	0	4	2	Teton	1	1	8	7
Sweet Grass	3	1	3	3	Toole	3	1	9	6

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

HARDIN - RED LODGE LMA

MILES CITY LMA

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